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Box No. I Basis of the report

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- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1-13 as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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☒ the claims:

nos. 2-5 as originally filed/furnished

nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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☒ the drawings:

sheets fig. 1-13 as originally filed/furnished

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-5

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

YES

Claims 1-5

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-5

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: US 5761050 A (Ian ARCHER), 02 June 1998

Document 2: JP 3-263771 A (Fujitsu Ltd.), 25 November
1991Document 3: Microfilm of the specification and drawings
annexed to the request of Japanese Utility-
Model Application No. 98348/1988 (Laid-open
No. 20368/1990) (Taiyo Yuden Co., Ltd.), 09
February 1990Document 4: JP 8-195568 A (Nippondenso Co., Ltd.), 30
July 1996

Claims 1 to 3

The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 3 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 or 2 and document 3.

Documents 1 and 2 both disclose the feature of configuring so that the connection terminals for connecting the respective conductors on two printed circuit boards are press-fit terminals that do not require soldering. In addition, document 3 (page 5 and fig. 1) discloses the feature of configuring the connection terminals for connecting the respective conductors on two printed circuit boards by providing a

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support section between a first vertical part and a second vertical part.

The technical features that are disclosed in the abovementioned documents all pertain to connection terminals for connecting the respective conductors of a plurality of circuit boards that have been disposed in parallel. Therefore, it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of reaping the benefits of the press-fit terminals that do not require soldering, which are disclosed in documents 1 and 2, while also employing the forms of the connection terminals that are disclosed in document 3. Furthermore, the question of whether or not the support section has a flat form that extends in a direction parallel to the printed board and/or the bus bar is merely a design matter that could have been configured with consideration of the scope of the support function thereof; therefore, the configuration in question cannot be considered to involve an inventive step.

Claim 4

Documents 1 to 3 do not disclose a configuration wherein a notch part for allowing the insertion of the first vertical part of the press-fit terminal is formed in the printed board that has been provided on the bottom.

However, notches for preventing the interference of parts such as these are commonly used in various industrial products; therefore, the employment of the feature in question cannot be considered to involve an inventive step.

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Claim 5

Document 4 discloses a configuration wherein the printed boards and the like are supported on the interior of a box. Therein, document 4 also indicates that the technical feature of supporting printed boards or the like by means of tiered sections or ribs that have been provided on the interior of a box is not a novel feature in and of itself; therefore, the employment of such a support structure cannot be considered to involve an inventive step.

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